

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant :	Tetsuji Yamaoka et al.	Art Unit :	1633
Serial No. :	10/578,283	Examiner :	Ileana Popa
Filed :	May 4, 2006		
Title :	CARRIER FOR NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULE DELIVERY		

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Applicant requests withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment mailed February 25, 2009. The Notice states that the application was abandoned for failure to respond to the Office action (i.e., restriction requirement) dated June 23, 2008. The allegation that applicant failed to respond to the action of June 23, 2008 is incorrect. Indeed, the Patent Office's own records in PAIR show that a response to the restriction requirement was filed on July 22, 2008. Furthermore, the Examiner assigned to this application confirmed by phone on or about February 10, 2009, February 26, 2009, and again on March 31, 2009 that applicant's response had been received and was timely filed and that the application was still pending. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, applicant submits this request for withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment so that the record will be clear.

Enclosed with this Response are copies of the following items:

- (1) Response to Restriction Requirement dated July 22, 2008 (obtain from the PTO's PAIR system); and
- (2) Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt for item (1).

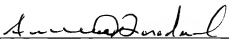
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 23, 2008, Applicants elect the following species: (i) with respect to Species group A, Applicants elect Y species " $-\text{CONH}-(\text{CH}_2)_{n_Y}-$ " as specified by claim 2; (ii) with respect to Species group B, Applicants elect Z species " $-\text{NR}_3\text{R}_4$ " as specified by claim 2; (iii) with respect to Species group C, Applicants elect X species " $-\text{OC}(=\text{O})-\text{R}_6-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{Z}^1-$ " as specified by claim 3; and (iv) with respect to Species group D, Applicants elect W species " $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{O}-$ " as specified by claim 6. Claims 1-11 read on the elected species. The election is made *without* traverse.

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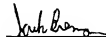
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With respect to the statement on page 2 and 3 of the Office Action, Applicants understand that claim 1 is the generic claim for the claims listed in Species groups A-D.

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